

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, February 15, 1726.

From the Flying Post, Feb. 8.

Rome, Jan. 19.

Cardinal Alberoni has been to pay a Visit to the Princess Sobieski, and staid with her near five Hours.

Paris, Feb. 9. We are assured, that a Letter from the Pretender to one of his Friends was taken up, after being dropt in Company, which, we are told, makes a Discovery, that the said Pretender was to attempt another Descent upon Scotland, with a Fleet of 16 Men of War, 60 Gallies, and a great Number of Transports; which, however true or not, it appears that England has taken such just and necessary Measures, as must at least frustrate, if not prevent the Execution of such a Design.

Paris, Feb. 9. The Seur Colombat, the King's Printer, presented to his Majesty, a little Book or Journal, containing the King's Huntings and Journeys during last Year, and the Number of Leagues which he had passed, and particularly mentioning, that he had killed 104 Stags, 50 Wild Boars, 4 Wolves, 27 Roebucks, and 57 Hares: That the Duke had killed during the same Time 32 Stags, and 47 Wild Boars: The Prince de Conti 4 Stags: The Count de Tholouse 5: The Prince de Dombes 4: And the Duke of Grammond 4, and 28 Does, all in Presence of the King, who during that Time, passed 3255 Leagues.

From the Evening Post, Feb. 8.

Constantinople, Jan. 2. The Nephew of the de-thron'd Sophi, who was taken Prisoner in the Action of Hamadan, and sent hither by the Bashaw of Babylon, has embraced the Mahometan Religion. The Grand Signior would fain draw Prince Tahmas over to his Party, but all Means hitherto have been ineffectual. As for Esref who succeeded Meriweys, he endeavours by Promises of Submission, to secure himself against the Storm he is threatned with, being unable to oppose the Conquest of Isfahan. The Report we had, at the Departure of the last Courier for Vienna, that the City of Isfahan was taken by our Troops, did not prove true; but we have since received Advice, that our Grand Army has

got within two Days March of it, which makes us hope that Capital will soon surrender. Mr. Stanyan, Minister of the K. of G. Britain, had lately a private Audience of the Grand Visier, to whom he delivered a Copy of the Treaty of Hanover: As soon as the Marquis d'Andrezel, Ambassador of the K. of France, has done the like on the Part of his Court, the Divan will assemble, and take thereupon such Measures as may best suit with the Interest of the Porte. Mr. Romanzoff, Envoy Extraordinary of Russia, is on his Departure for Petersburg.

Petersburg, Jan. 19. Our military Preparations both for Sea and Land are carried on with the utmost Expedition. As her Majesty is resolved to preserve her Russian Conquests in Persia, General Staff is forthwith to conduct thither 16000 regular Troops.

Vienna, Jan. 30. People take notice here, that Count Theslin, Minister of Sweden, has not yet paid any Visit to the Ministers of G. Britain, Brunswick, Prussia or Holland; which makes some conjecture that his Court will accede to the Treaty of Vienna. 'Tis talked, that the R. Catholick Prince of Nassau-Siegen, who is at present at Madrid, has sold to that Court his Pretensions to the Succession of Orange.

London, Feb. 8. S. S. Stock, 109, 3 8ths—York Buildings, 10, 1 half.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Feb. 8.

Vienna, Jan. 28. Advices from Turkey confirm the Accounts we had, of the great Preparations making there for a War with FRANCE.

London, Feb. 8. Last Sunday-morning died Mr. Abel Roper, the famous Author of the *Post Boy*; and the very next Morning expired M. George Ridpath, the no less celebrated Author of the *Flying Post*.

From the London Gazette, Feb. 8.

Hague, Feb. 12. The Marquis de S. Philippe, Ambassador of Spain, arrived here last Night, and this Morning received Visits from some of the publick Ministers. The States General have appointed the 13th of next Month to be observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving, Fasting and Prayer.

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From the Post Boy, Feb. 8.

Hague, Feb. 12. They write from Brussels, that the Marquis de St. Philippe, Ambassador of Spain, who arrived here Yesterday, in his Passage thro' this Place (Brussels,) discoursing freely concerning the present Situation of the Affairs of Europe, said it was his Opinion there would be no Wars this Year; tho' he would not be answerable for what might happen afterwards. The said Minister has taken his Lodgings in an Inn, till such Time as the Hotel d'Espagne can be got ready to his Mind: But as the State has acceded, in a Manner, to the Treaty of Hanover, perhaps his Stay here, and that of Count Coningseck, will be but short.

From the Post Man, Feb. 8.

Rome, Jan. 19. 'Tis reported that the Pope intends to make a Tour to Benevento, with this Additional Circumstance, That in case the Voyage takes place, the Pope will issue a Bull, obliging the Sacred College, if he should happen to die out of Rome, to hold the Conclave in the Vatican, which will set aside the Bull, whereby the Conclave was enjoined to be held wheresoever the Pope died. Mean Time 'tis said, that the Cardinal de Polignac, in an Audience which he had of the Pope some Days ago, remonstrated to him on the Part of the King of France his Master, that he would be in the Wrong to undertake such a Journey; but what an Answer the Pope returned is not known.

Vienna, Jan. 28. So much Snow is fallen lately in this City and Neighbourhood, that 'tis 3 Foot deep, which makes it excessive cold, and several Passengers have therewith perished. The Deer in the Park having no Nourishment, two of the biggest of them are come into the Suburb of Leopold, where they are so tame by Necessity, that they eat Bread out of the Peoples Hands. We have Advice that a Dragoon coming from Buda to Presburg, having been attacked upon the Road by ten Wolves, he killed five of them, but the others rushed upon him with such Fury, that they devoured both him and his Horse.

Culemburg, Feb. 7. Since the Breach of the Dike of Waal, near Thiel, the Waters in this Country and Neighbourhood, are 17 Foot high, and are spread as far as to Diefsdyke, where they are a Foot higher than they were in 1711, and wants but six Inches of being as high as they were in the great Inundation in 1560, upon All-Saints Eve, when there was such a Breach of the Dikes by the Swelling of the Sea, that it covered some Islands of Zealand, great Part of the Coast of Holland, and almost Friesland; swallowed up threescore and twelve Villages,

and in Friesland alone, destroyed above 20,000 People, whose Bodies, with their Cattle and Household Stuff, floating upon the drowned Country, gave those that escaped, a lively Representation of Noah's. In short, the Desolation is very great in these Parts, and if the Waters continue to rise, we shall have terrible Apprehensions of what will be the Fate of both Men and Beasts, it being computed, that there are 70 small Villages and 125,000 Acres of Land already under Waters. We have drove a great many Horses and other Cattle, for the present into our Church-Yard, which stands 5 Foot higher than the Town.

Gorcum, Feb. 7. Last Night betwixt 3 and 4 a-clock, the Dike of Lingen, was unhappily broke near Kibuna, betwixt this Town and Leerdam, about 8 Roads in Breadth, which has laid all the Alblasterwaerts under Water, as far as the Leck. Before this Breach the Water came into this Town, that 'tis 4 or 5 Foot high in the Streets, and People can't go out of their Houses without descending from the first Floor by Ladders into their Boats.

From Mist's Weekly Journal, Feb. 5.

Her Czarish Majesty has lately granted a Patent to a Company of Merchants, for erecting and carrying on a Whale Fishery, which, 'tis thought will be no Advantage to the Dutch Greenland Trade. But it is thought to be done not only with a View of gaining considerable Advantages by the Trade itself, but also of serving hereafter for a kind of Nursery for Seamen. As the Empress has taken a Resolution to have a strong Fleet out early in the Spring; her Majesty has ordered Admiral Cruiz, that the Ships both at Petersburg and Revel, shall be in such a Readiness, that they may set Sail by that Time the Baltick is clear of Ice.

From the Evening Post, Feb. 10.

This Day we had a Mail from Holland, and one from France.

Madrid, Jan. 16. They write from Madrid, that an Extraordinary Council was lately held there in Presence of His Catholic Majesty, to which, beside the Ministers of State, several Grandees of the Kingdom were summoned: One of the Ministers proposed declaring War against certain Powers; but the King alledged such pungent Reasons against it, that all others then present voted unanimously with his Majesty. On the 9th Instant, the Wind was so high here, that a Wall in the Suburb of St. Germain, was blown down, under the Ruins of which, 3 Persons were crush'd to Death, and two very much hurt.

The Elector of Bavaria continues very ill, whereupon the Duke de Bourbon has sent M. de Silva, a famous Physician to Munich, to attend the said Elector in his Sickness. 'Tis talked that the young Queen Dowager of Spain, will shortly pay a Visit to their Majesties, the Ceremonial about her Guards being now settled.

Warsaw, Jan. 30. They write from Cracow, that among the several Diversions given to the Public by Prince Lubomirski, Palatine of Zipheria, the most remarkable was a Play, in which the Actors ingeniously represented a King resigning his Crown, and the Prince his Son crowned in his Stead.

Brussels, Feb. 11. The Council of Finances offer to advance a considerable Sum to any Person or Persons, who will undertake to furnish the Government with 300 Carriages, for the like Number of Cannon, which they have ordered to be cast for the Garrisons where they are wanted.

Vienna, Feb. 2. A Courier who arrived lately from Madrid, was dispatched back thither Yesterday, with the Resolution of his Imperial Majesty concerning the Navigation of Ostend. Count Rabutin is to set out next Monday for Petersburg.

From the Flying Post, Febr. 10.

Rome, Jan. 26. The Princess Piombino continues to pay frequent Visits to the Pretender's Lady in the Convent of St. Cecilia. The Pretender having sent for the Duke de Giovenazzo, on the 20th ult. they went together to the Opera, and at their Return supped together; after which they had a long Conference in the Pretender's Closet, who 'tis said, will shortly undertake a Voyage.

From the Post Boy, Feb. 10.

Hague, Feb. 10. The Marquis de St. Philippe, Ambassador of Spain, was almost 3 Months on the Road between Genoa and this Place, not knowing perhaps of what Service his Presence might have been here in this critical Juncture, to have back'd the Negotiations of Count Coningseck with the advantageous Proposals he now appears authorized to make to this State, with regard to Commerce with the Subjects of Spain; but now they come too late: And his Excellency expecting nothing more assuredly, than that the Republick will in Form accede to the Treaty of Hanover, has been so free as to tell some of our principal Members, that if that is once done, his Stay here will be but very short.

Hague, Feb. 10. The States of Holland have published a Placaert, forbidding the Cutting of the Dikes, Dams, or Banks whatsoever, upon Pain of

Death; let the Pretence be what it will, whether to free the Lands already overflowed. The Inhabitants of the Places lying nearest the Inundations, are authorized to buy Provisions, and furnish both Man and Beast with them; and they shall be repaid by the Government. Their High Mightinesses have appointed Wednesday March 13 next ensuing, to be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, throughout the States Provinces.

Warsaw, Jan. 30. Nothing positive can be said yet, relating to the present Situation of Affairs, 'tis only observed that some of the Protestant Ministers, after having been several Times in Conference with Prince Dolorucki, the Russian Minister, keep very close within Doors, but for what Reason is not known.

London, Feb. 10. Last Sunday, Sir John Jennings, Kt. set out for Chatham, to hoist his Flag on board the Sandwich, as Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet.

The same Day Sir Charles Wager Kt. set out for Portsmouth, to hoist his Flag on board the Monmouth, as Vice-Admiral of the Red Squadron.

Lieutenant Edward Ruffel is dead of the Wounds he received from some of the Men of the S. S. Company's Dock at Deptford, whom he with his Gang attempted to impress.

Edinburgh, Feb. 15. We are informed, That the Honourable Society for Improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, at a Meeting on the 17th of December last, having taken to their Consideration, That great Quantities of Foreign Linen are imported, to the great Prejudice of the Linen manufactured in Britain; and that, if there were due Encouragement, there is and may be Linen of the finest, and all other Kinds; manufactured and stamped in such Quantities, as that the same may fully satisfy the domestic Consumpt: Did therefore resolve, That from and after the said 17th of December, they would give all due Encouragement to the sole Wearing and Using of the Manufacture aforesaid; and that from and after the first Day of August next, they would not buy, for their Person or domestic Use, any Foreign plain, stamp or stained Linen. And this being chiefly designed for the Encouragement of those who are daily employed in that Manufactory, 'twas expected, that they would forthwith set about the Making and Whitening of Holland and Linen, to the greatest Perfection they are capable; for which they might expect ready Sale, if

if sufficient and at reasonable Rates. As also, it was then recommended to the Members of the Society, in their several Districts to use their Endeavours, and to solicit the Authority of others, to suppress the Running of Foreign Spirits, whereby the Revenue is defrauded, and the said Spirits sold below the Values at which our Home-Spirits can be afforded: And that they would promote and encourage the Use of our Domestic Spirits, which would tend to the Consumption of, and putting a greater Value upon our own Grain and other Vegetables.

Yesterday-morning, as a Boy went in to a Corner of Liberton's Wynd to ease Nature, he found a murdered Infant: Whereupon great Search is making after the wretched Mother.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Feb. 10.

P. S. London, Feb. 10. We hear that Sir George Walton, set out this Day for Plymouth, to hoist his Flag on board the Dunkirk, as Rear-Admiral of the Red Squadron.

The Pool and Griffin Fire-ships are put into Commission.

A great Number of young Gentlemen are preparing to go on board the Fleet as Volunteers.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

††† 'Tis advertised to the Members of the honourable Society for improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, to attend the Anniversary Meeting of the said Society, at James Moir's in Hope Park, near Edinburgh, on Saturday the 19th Instant.

††† That Daniel Carmichael, aged about 17 or 18 Years a little thick Lad, has dark Chestnut Hair, and wearing a black Waistcoat and Breeches, but if he has changed his Cloaths, will probably have on a well worn brown Coat with Brass Buttons: Having committed several disorderly Things, run away the 13th Inst. from his Service with the Lady BLINNS. Whoever will bring him to James Guthrie Writer to the Signet in Forester's Wynd, shall have a Guinea Reward.

b.b. To be sold, a small Tenement of Land in Paislay's

Cloft, at the Back of Smith's Land in Edinburgh, and entering by the same Scale-stair; containing a handfom Lodging of six Fire-rooms, besides other Conveniencies, another Dwelling-house of four Fire-rooms, a laigh House and two Cellars. Enquire for Hew Crawford Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

That the two first Storeys of the House presently possessed by Mr. Moir at Burrow-loch, or Hope-park, near Edinburgh; Are to be sett for a Year, or in Pack, at Whitfunday next 1726. Any Vintner who has a mind for the same, may call at Mr. Hope of Rankeilow's Lodging in the Parliament-Cloft, or at the said Mr. Moir's.

††† There is to be exposed to Sale by a voluntar Roup, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh; On Friday the 25th Day of February 1726, betwixt the Hours of three and five in the Afternoon, the LOWER EXCHANGE in the Parliament Cloft, with a Cellar pertaining to Thomas Kincaid Residenter in Edinburgh. The Articles of Roup and Progress of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of John Stuart Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber above the Royal Coffee-house. This by Order of the Arbiters, for the said Thomas Kincaid and his Creditors.

††† The Roup of the Tenements, Yards, waste Ground, &c. belonging to the deceased Bailie Fife, lying in the Cloft above Smith's Land, and formerly advertised to have been determined before the Lords of Session; Is now prorogate to Tuesday the Eighth Day of March next, when the same are to be sold by Roup, at the Sight of the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time, or any other their Lordships shall appoint, and that within the Parliament-house, betwixt 2 & 4 in the Afternoon. And for the Encouragement of Purchasers, 'tis hereby advertised, That on Application of the Creditors, the Lords have abated their former Price put upon the saids Houses, &c. viz. L. 754, 8, 4 sterl. and have now reduced the same to L. 688, 10 sh. sterl. being Nine Years Purchase of L. 76, 10 sh. sterl. the proven yearly Rent. The Conditions of Roup, &c. may be seen at any Time before, in the Hands of George Livingston, Under-Clerk of Session.

[11] That a very convenient House, a little down Cloft, on the South-side of the Castle-hill, consisting of three Storeys (besides Kitchen, Pantry and Cellar under Ground) with Brew-house, Bake-house, Coal-cellar, a little Garden, Yard and other Conveniencies, all within itself, presently possess'd by my Lord Advocate; is to be sett or sold. Enquire at George Purdie at the Exchange Coffee house.

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